

PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2209, THE  
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998

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JULY 24, 1997.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

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Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, from the Committee on Rules,  
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 197]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 197, by a record vote of 7 to 4, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for the consideration of H.R. 2209, the “Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, 1998” under a modified closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate divided equally between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule waives section 302 (prohibiting consideration of legislation which exceeds a committee’s allocation of new entitlement authority) and section 308 (requiring a cost estimate in committee report on new entitlement authority) of the Budget Act against consideration of the bill. The rule also waives clause 2 (unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriations bills) and clause 6 (prohibits reappropriation on general appropriations bills) of rule XXI against the bill.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in this report accompanying the resolution. Each amendment will be considered only in the order printed in this report, will be offered by a Member designated in this report, will be debatable for the time specified in this report equally divided between the proponent and an opponent, will not be subject to amendment except as specified in this report, and will be protected from all points of order.

The rule allows the Chair to postpone recorded votes and reduce to five minutes the minimum time for voting on any postponed votes, provided voting time on the first in any series of votes is not

less than 15 minutes. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit, with or without instructions.

#### COMMITTEE VOTES

Pursuant to clause 2(1)(2)(B) of House rule XI the results of each rollcall vote on an amendment or motion to report, together with the names of those voting for and against, are printed below:

##### *Rules Committee Rollcall No. 59*

Date: July 24, 1997.

Measure: Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2209, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1998.

Motion by: Mr. Moakley.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Gejdenson amendment, which would be unamenable and which prohibits the availability of funds in the bill for any committee expenses if that committee expends funds in excess of the amounts specifically identified for and allocated to such committee under primary and supplemental expense resolutions for either session of the 105th Congress, and prohibits the availability of funds in the bill for salaries of any employee who approves, certifies, or processes disbursement of reserve funds.

Results: Defeated 4 to 7.

Vote by Members: Dreier—Nay; Goss—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; McInnis—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Solomon—Nay.

##### *Rules Committee Rollcall No. 60*

Date: July 24, 1997.

Measure: Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2209, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1998.

Motion by: Mrs. Slaughter.

Summary of motion: Make in order the Hoyer amendment which directs \$150,000 to be reimbursed to the Immigration and Naturalization Service from the reserve fund, for its compliance with subpoenas issued by the House Oversight Committee to review its computer and paper files in comparison to the voter registration list of Orange County, California.

Results: Defeated 4 to 7.

Vote by Members: Dreier—Nay; Goss—Nay; Pryce—Nay; Diaz-Balart—Nay; McInnis—Nay; Hastings—Nay; Moakley—Yea; Frost—Yea; Hall—Yea; Slaughter—Yea; Solomon—Nay.

##### *Rules Committee Rollcall No. 61*

Date: July 24, 1997.

Measure: Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2209, the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1998.

Motion by: Mr. Dreier.

Summary of motion: Order the rule reported.

Results: Adopted 7 to 4.

Vote by Members: Dreier—Yea; Goss—Yea; Pryce—Yea; Diaz-Balart—Yea; McInnis—Yea; Hastings—Yea; Moakley—Nay; Frost—Nay; Hall—Nay; Slaughter—Nay; Solomon—Yea.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER UNDER THE RULE FOR  
H.R. 2209, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 1998

Davis (VA)—10 minutes: Allows the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to directly donate surplus information technology equipment (computer, printer, file servers, etc.) to a public elementary or secondary school of the District of Columbia during FY 1998.

Fazio—30 minutes: Eliminates the funds provided to increase the number of Joint Tax Committee staff, instead providing only a 2.8% COLA.

Klug—10 minutes: Reduces the number of full-time equivalent (FTEs) staff work-years in the Government Printing Office (GPO).

Roemer/Camp—10 minutes: Requires unexpended Congressional office funds in the Members' Representational Allowance to be returned directly to the U.S. Treasury at the end of each fiscal year for deficit reduction.

AMENDMENTS MADE IN ORDER BY THE RULE

1. THE AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS OF VIRGINIA OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR NOT TO EXCEED 10 MINUTES

Page 8, insert after line 5 the following new section:

SEC. 106. Section 104(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1987 (as incorporated by reference in section 101(j) of Public Law 99-500 and Public Law 99-591) (2 U.S.C. 117e) is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (2), by striking “A donation” and inserting “Except as provided in paragraph (3), a donation”;

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as paragraphs (4) and (5); and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (2) the following new paragraph:

“(3)(A) In the case of computer-related equipment, during fiscal year 1998 the Chief Administrative Officer may donate directly the equipment to a public elementary or secondary school of the District of Columbia without regard to whether the donation meets the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph (2), except that the total number of workstations donated as a result of this paragraph may not exceed 1,000.

“(B) In this paragraph—

“(i) the term ‘computer-related equipment’ includes desktops, laptops, printers, file servers, and peripherals which are appropriate for use in public school education;

“(ii) the terms ‘public elementary school’ and ‘public secondary school’ have the meaning given such terms in section 14101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965; and

“(iii) the term ‘workstation’ includes desktops and peripherals, file servers and peripherals, laptops and peripherals, printers and peripherals, and workstations and peripherals.

“(C) The Committee on House Oversight shall have authority to issue regulations to carry out this paragraph.”.

2. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE FAZIO OF CALIFORNIA, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 30 MINUTES

Page 8, line 18, strike “\$5,907,000” and insert “\$5,624,000”.

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3. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE KLUG OF WISCONSIN, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 29, line 13, strike “3,550 workyears” and insert “3,200 workyears”.

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4. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROEMER OF INDIANA, OR REPRESENTATIVE CAMP OF MICHIGAN, OR A DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

Page 37, insert before line 1 the following new section:

SEC. 309. Any amount appropriated in this Act for “HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Salaries and Expenses—Members’ Representational Allowances” shall be available only for fiscal year 1998. Any amount remaining after all payments are made under such allowances for such fiscal year shall be deposited in the Treasury, to be used for deficit reduction.